



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Establishing Policy for the Ranking of Community Development Block Grant Applications

MEETING DATE: February 20, 2008

PREPARED BY: Community Development Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution Establishing Policy for the Ranking of Community Development Block Grant Applications

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On February 12, 2008, Community Development Department staff presented to the City Council a proposed scoring matrix for the ranking of CDBG applications from community-based organizations.

From the Council's comments at that meeting, Staff is bringing back new ranking options for review and action from the City Council. Staff is proposing that the Council choose from the following two options for evaluating potential projects:

Option A: Score all projects, but emphasize capital projects.

Staff will use the ranking criteria presented on February 12, but will award bonus points to "bricks and mortar" projects. All applications received will be scored using the ranking criteria, but presented to Council in categories (e.g., those scoring in the top twenty percent). Staff will make clear to all applicants in the 2009-10 funding round that public service or operations funding requests will not be considered.

Option B: Score only those projects that meet threshold requirements.

The threshold will require considered projects to be capital projects, eligible for CDBG funding, and realistically allow for all funds to be spent within two years of the award date. Staff will assess likely expenditure of funds based on whether the project design is completed, other funds are committed, and the construction schedule accounts for adequate time for permitting and weather delays. This will ensure that the City continues to meet its timely expenditure of funds requirement to continue receiving CDBG funding.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING AVAILABLE: N/A

Randy Hatch
Community Development Director

APPROVED: _____
Blair King, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING
POLICY FOR THE RANKING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS

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WHEREAS, on February 12, 2008, Community Development Department staff presented to the City Council a proposed scoring matrix for the ranking of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications from community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, based on Council comments, staff proposed two ranking options for Council review at its meeting of February 20, 2008: Option A (score all projects, but emphasize capital projects) and Option B (score only those projects that meet threshold requirements).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lodi City Council that it does hereby establish the policy for ranking CDBG applications (Option ____), as shown below:

Option A: Score all projects, but emphasize capital projects

Staff will use the ranking criteria presented on February 12, but will award bonus points to "bricks and mortar" projects. All applications received will be scored using the ranking criteria, but presented to Council in categories (e.g. those scoring in the top 20%). Staff will make clear to all applicants in the 2009-10 funding round that public service or operations funding requests will not be considered.

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Option B: Score only those projects that meet threshold requirements

The threshold will require considered projects to be capital projects, eligible for CDBG funding, and realistically allow for all funds to be spent within two years of the award date. Staff will assess likely expenditure of funds based on whether the project design is completed, other funds are committed, and the construction schedule accounts for adequate time for permitting and weather delays. This will ensure that the City continues to meet its timely expenditure of funds requirement to continue receiving CDBG funding.

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2008-____ was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held February 20, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS –
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS –
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS –
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

RANDI JOHL
City Clerk

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